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My dear Sam.

I am at the end of a hurriedly occupied week and I feel old and tired, but before I go out to Media, which Mamma and I call home in winter, I want to again go carefully over yours of 27th ult. There is probably another, of Sunday 4th on the way, but as you closed that of 27th in a snow storm there may have been an accumulation of delay. I shall hope to get it by Monday 12th as I must that aft. start to meet Bertrand via New York - which I could not do this way. I carefully understand the difference in the effect of our different standpoints - you therein the atmosphere of the mine, with Cornell and seeing how he is hampered and pressed, and myself here in an anti-precious metal mining atmosphere, with the recollection of my personal experiences with C. But if your present investigations confirm in your previously formed favorable impressions of the mine, there will be, I presume, some way of our all coming together in the handling of it. That amt of $18.600. - expended on Green Ck - recalls the $21.000. which he had piled up against Jamieson June '91

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The following sentence in yr letter shows a wonderful similarity between the contract which C. made with me and that he made with Hadzell - I quote -

"Hadzell it seems contracted, in consideration of obtaining a part of C's interest and some options on the rest of it to pay the debts and meet all the expenses & those to be incurred in opening the property."

Would not the knowledge, or supposition, that we were taking an interest in the property be as likely to induce people having claims on it, to lie quiet until we should become deeply interested, as it would to spring their claims at once - when we might back out?

I think "old Smith" would be the man to do this.

Of course I do not know, neither have I any reason to believe, that either he or anyone else have such claims

We know where the money came from that Cornell advanced admits to be from Daly and Dougherty. Should not the Govt. make up a brief of title of all the claims from the Record? We should thus have a basis to begin on.

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I had thought, in view of your inevitably lengthened
stay at Green Mt.- and assuming that you would
go to Jamison before going below- that it would
be right to charge yr salary against Jamison Co.
until January 1. '93 - (also that of Geo. R. as he will
likely be there until near the end of this month)
and then charge your salary against Mammoth
while yr return to Plumas Co.; as you would
be practically in charge of Jamison up to the time named &
and you would not be occupied at Mammoth until the
beginning of the new year at earliest, but after
reading and carefully considering what you
say about going to the Mammoth, I conclude
that it would be better that you should not go
there but come east if you desire to do so, and
we will meet under telegraphic communication
as the mail will be unavailable, impracticable, especially at this season.
You can then return to Plumas Co. whenever
and whenever you may deem it necessary. There
has been much desire expressed by all here to see
you at home this winter as this I have said nothing
to suggest such expectations, as I have had no good
reason for doing so. All are about as well as usual
Ever yr affectionate father, W J Cheyney